

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of managing operation of a portable device, comprising:

determining a geographical location of the portable device, in response to receiving a communication destined for the portable device;

determining if the geographical location of the portable device is within a geographical area of restricted use of the portable device; [[and]]

restricting use of the portable device based on the determination of whether the geographical location of the portable device is within a geographical area of restricted use; and

sending an outgoing message to a source of the communication if use of the portable device is restricted, wherein the outgoing message includes content automatically determined based on the geographical location of the portable device, first preferences of a user of the portable device and second preferences of an owner/operator of an establishment at the geographical location of the portable device.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining if the geographical location of the portable device is within a geographical area of restricted use includes:

looking up the geographical location of the portable device in a geographical information database; and

retrieving restriction information associated with the geographical location of the portable device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the restriction information includes at least one of completely prohibiting use of the portable device, vibration call notification only, restricting all incoming calls except emergency calls, allowing incoming text messages only, allowing use of the portable device in certain areas of the geographical location, prohibiting transmission of control information from the portable device, and prohibiting voice transmission from the portable device.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the portable device is one of a mobile telephone, a cellular telephone, a personal digital assistant, a pager, a portable computer, and a portable communication device.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining a geographical location of the portable device includes using a Global Positioning System associated with the portable device to determine a geographical location of the portable device.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining a geographical location of the portable device includes receiving the geographical location from a geographical location determination device associated with the portable device.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently amended) The method of [[8]] 1, wherein a language of the outgoing message is selected based on a geographic location of the source of the communication.
11. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[8]] 1, wherein the outgoing message includes a menu of selectable options.
12. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[7]] 1, further comprising:
not restricting use of the portable device if the call is indicated to be an emergency call.
13. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[7]] 1, further comprising:
redirecting the call to an alternative device if use of the portable device is restricted.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[8]] 1, wherein if the first preferences of the user of the portable device and the second preferences of the owner/operator of the establishment at the geographical location of the portable device conflict, a combination of the more restrictive preferences from the first preferences of the user and the second preferences of the owner/operator is used to determine the outgoing message.

15. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing operation of a portable device, comprising:

a controller;

a portable unit database coupled to the controller; and

a geographical database coupled to the controller, wherein the controller retrieves a geographical location of the portable device from the portable unit database, in response to receiving a communication destined for the portable device, determines if the geographical location of the portable device is within a geographical area of restricted use of the portable device based on geographical information in the geographical database, and restricts use of the portable device based on the determination of whether the geographical location of the portable device is within a geographical area of restricted use, and sends an outgoing message to a source of the communication if use of the portable device is restricted, wherein the outgoing message includes content automatically determined based on the geographical location of the portable device, first preferences of a user of the portable device and second preferences of an owner/operator of an establishment at the geographical location of the portable device.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the controller determines if the geographical location of the portable device is within a geographical area of restricted use by looking up the geographical location of the portable device in the geographical database, and retrieving restriction information associated with the geographical location of the portable device.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the restriction information includes at least one of completely prohibiting use of the portable device, vibration call

notification only, restricting all incoming calls except emergency calls, allowing incoming text messages only, allowing use of the portable device in certain areas of the geographical location, prohibiting transmission of control information from the portable device, and prohibiting voice transmission from the portable device.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the portable device is one of a mobile telephone, a cellular telephone, a personal digital assistant, a pager, a portable computer, and a portable communication device.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the geographical location of the portable device is reported to the portable device database using a Global Positioning System associated with the portable device.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the geographical location of the portable device is reported to the portable device database by a geographical location determination device associated with the portable device.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The apparatus of [[22]] 15, wherein a language of the outgoing message is selected based on a geographic location of the source of the communication.

25. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim [[22]] 15, wherein the outgoing message includes a menu of selectable options.

26. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim [[21]] 15, wherein the controller does not restrict use of the portable device if the call is indicated to be an emergency call.

27. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim [[21]] 15, wherein the controller redirects the call to an alternative device if use of the portable device is restricted.

28. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim [[22]] 15, wherein if the first preferences of the user of the portable device and the second preferences of the owner/operator of the establishment at the geographical location of the portable device conflict, the controller uses a combination of the more restrictive preferences from the first preferences of the user and the second preferences of the owner/operator to determine the outgoing message.

29. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for managing operation of a portable device, comprising:

first instructions for determining a geographical location of the portable device, in response to receiving a communication destined for the portable device;

second instructions for determining if the geographical location of the portable device is within a geographical area of restricted use of the portable device; [[and]]

third instructions for restricting use of the portable device based on the determination of whether the geographical location of the portable device is within a geographical area of restricted use; and

fourth instructions for sending an outgoing message to a source of the communication if use of the portable device is restricted, wherein the outgoing message includes content automatically determined based on the geographical location of the portable device, first preferences of a user of the portable device and second preferences of an owner/operator of an establishment at the geographical location of the portable device.

30. (Original) The computer program product of claim 29, wherein the second instructions for determining if the geographical location of the portable device is within a geographical area of restricted use include:

instructions for looking up the geographical location of the portable device in a geographical information database; and

instructions for retrieving restriction information associated with the geographical location of the portable device.

31. (Original) The computer program product of claim 30, wherein the restriction information includes at least one of completely prohibiting use of the portable device, vibration call notification only, restricting all incoming calls except emergency calls, allowing incoming text messages only, allowing use of the portable device in certain areas of the geographical location, prohibiting transmission of control information from the portable device, and prohibiting voice transmission from the portable device.

32. (Original) The computer program product of claim 29, wherein the portable device is one of a mobile telephone, a cellular telephone, a personal digital assistant, a pager, a portable computer, and a portable communication device.

33. (Original) The computer program product of claim 29, wherein the first instructions for determining a geographical location of the portable device include instructions for using a Global Positioning System associated with the portable device to determine a geographical location of the portable device.

34. (Original) The computer program product of claim 29, wherein the first instructions for determining a geographical location of the portable device include instructions for receiving the geographical location from a geographical location determination device associated with the portable device.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Canceled)
37. (Canceled)
38. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[36]]~~ 29, wherein a language of the outgoing message is selected based on a geographic location of the source of the communication.
39. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[36]]~~ 29, wherein the outgoing message includes a menu of selectable options.
40. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[35]]~~ 29, further comprising:
 ~~fourth~~ fifth instructions for not restricting use of the portable device if the call is indicated to be an emergency call.
41. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[35]]~~ 29, further comprising:
 ~~fourth~~ fifth instructions for redirecting the call to an alternative device if use of the portable device is restricted.
42. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[36]]~~ 29, wherein if the first preferences of the user of the portable device and the second preferences of the owner/operator of the establishment at the geographical location of the portable device conflict, a combination of the more restrictive preferences from the first preferences of the user and the second preferences of the owner/operator is used to determine the outgoing message.
43. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the outgoing message includes an identity of the establishment if the first preferences of the user permit the identity of the establishment to be included in the outgoing message.

44. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the outgoing message includes an emergency contact number for a communication device associated with the establishment if the second preferences of the owner/operator of the establishment includes an emergency contact number for a communication device associated with the establishment.
45. (New) The method of claim 44, further comprising:
redirecting the communication to the communication device associated with the establishment and associated with the emergency contact number if the call is indicated to be an emergency call.
46. (New) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the outgoing message includes an identity of the establishment if the first preferences of the user permit the identity of the establishment to be included in the outgoing message.
47. (New) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the outgoing message includes an emergency contact number for a communication device associated with the establishment if the second preferences of the owner/operator of the establishment includes an emergency contact number for a communication device associated with the establishment.
48. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the controller redirects the communication to the communication device associated with the establishment and associated with the emergency contact number if the call is indicated to be an emergency call.
49. (New) The computer program product of claim 29, wherein the outgoing message includes an identity of the establishment if the first preferences of the user permit the identity of the establishment to be included in the outgoing message.

50. (New) The computer program product of claim 29, wherein the outgoing message includes an emergency contact number for a communication device associated with the establishment if the second preferences of the owner/operator of the establishment includes an emergency contact number for a communication device associated with the establishment.

51. (New) The computer program product of claim 50, further comprising:
fifth instructions for redirecting the communication to the communication device associated with the establishment and associated with the emergency contact number if the call is indicated to be an emergency call.